

Washington, DC -- Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13) was awarded the “Spirit of Enterprise” Award today by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for his strong support of legislation to help boost the economy and create jobs.

“I am a businessman, not a politician,” said Buchanan. “I understand that for businesses to grow and create jobs, we need lower taxes, less government, and less litigation.”

The award is based on rankings it gives members of Congress for key votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber’s board of directors. Members of Congress who support the Chamber’s position on at least 70 percent of key votes receive the “Spirit of Enterprise” Award. Buchanan received a score of 84 percent.

“In the face of unprecedented economic challenges and in the midst of an election cycle, the 110th Congress made some historic and courageous decisions that impacted the lives of every American,” said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber. “The Spirit of Enterprise Award identifies those lawmakers that truly stepped up to the plate and demonstrated real leadership in making this country a place where businesses can continue to grow and create jobs.”

“As a former member of the U.S. Chamber, I am honored to receive this award,” added Buchanan. “I will continue working to strengthen our economy and create more jobs.”

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.